

Mackinac Bridge March Traffic Report

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Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 240,155 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of March. This represents a 2.1 percent decrease when compared to the 245,427 crossings during March 2003. Fare revenue for the month was up 51.5 percent compared to last year, going from \$617,334 to \$935,326. This increase is due to the toll restructuring that was implemented on May 1, 2003. Commercial traffic for the month of March was up 4.4 percent.

Traffic for the first three months of 2004 is running 2.4 percent behind last year's pace; 685,294 vehicles versus 701,962 in 2003. Fare revenue in 2004 totals \$2,655,831 compared to \$1,800,315 last year, an increase of 47.5 percent. Commercial traffic for the first three months of 2004 is down 1.1 percent over the same period of last year.

	Traffic <u>2004</u>	Traffic <u>2003</u>	% <u>Inc.</u>	Fare Revenues <u>2004</u>	Fare Revenues <u>2003</u>	% <u>Change</u>
January	212,333	230,336	-7.8	\$830,055	\$601,273	38.0
February	232,806	226,199	2.9	\$890,450	\$581,708	53.1
March	240,155	245,427	-2.1	\$935,326	\$617,334	51.5